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Fall Meeting 2016

An excellent array of speakers presented six Symposia. Speaker bios, symposia information and slides **are available online but password protected for AAOS members only:**

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A new pilot program, **Communities in Motion**, will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in San Diego. The afternoon event will feature orthopaedic surgeons leading interactive exercise stations to encourage families to be active together to help build strong bones for life. Communities in Motion, in partnership with San Diego Youth Services, will take place at the Spring Valley East Community Center, the location of the Academy's 2011 Family Fitness and Fun Park playground build. Please consider sponsoring the event or learning more at ANationInMotion.org/communities.

Advocacy Resource Committee

This was the first meeting of the Advocacy Resource Committee as part of the Board of Councilors. The committee plans to encourage young orthopaedic surgeons to become more involved in advocacy programs, and will work with the Resident Assembly to accomplish this. The committee also will continue to work on increasing participation in the key contact and ambassador program, along with expanding the tools to aid members in advocacy efforts. A new trend across smaller orthopaedic groups is to form a "Practice PAC" to support local and state candidates and issues.

Communications Committee

The Committee reviewed its progress with the implementation of the BOC awareness campaign and considered new communication methods and tools that may be used to foster greater connection among Councilors and their constituents. During the BOC Business Meeting, the Committee polled Councilors about their perception and use of the new BOC Now communication and unveiled the **BOC Awareness Video** which was very well-received. **The video is posted online at**

http://www.aaos.org/About/Board_of_Councilors/

Economics Committee

The Economics Committee discussed the new Medicare payment models under the Quality Payment Program (QPP) including CJR and SHFFT and what AAOS is doing to prepare members for transition into these new models. OGR staff reminded members that they MUST report at least some data in 2017 to avoid a 4% penalty in 2019. The committee also discussed coding metrics, including the proposed rule to require physicians to report in 10 minute increments using G codes on all global surgery bundles. However, this rule has since changed so that physicians in only ten states will be required to report and none are required to use G codes. The committee will explore the total value of the orthopaedic surgeon including clinical: the short-term (outcomes/cost); lifetime quality benefit to patients and society; and Non-Clinical: the use of administrative and analytic skills on processes that increase quality and manage costs.

State, Legislative and Regulatory Issues Committee (SLRI)

SLRI met to discuss several state issues impacting orthopaedic surgeons. A major challenge our members face are narrowing networks within health insurance plans. Narrow networks have led to a spike in balance billing. Legislators, in trying to stem surprise bills, are seeking solutions that set out of network payment rates. SLRI also spoke about the current crisis in the workers compensation system and how SLRI could advocate for better access to care for injured workers. The committee also spoke about prior authorization; States have gained traction on the issue and are proposing major reform. Certain states are also facing challenges with the expanded role of allied health care professionals and repealing onerous certificate of need laws

State Societies Committee

The State Orthopaedic Societies Committee focused on the discussion, review and approval for several state society grants, including governance video modules to enhance board orientation, and the development of future leaders at the Board-level from the AAOS. Six state societies asked for funding to enhance membership, improve technology, engage residents, expand advocacy, and further educate constituents on health policy-related issues. Many states participated in the State Society retreat in St. Petersburg, FL earlier this month. Additional opportunities are being developed for 2017. The state leadership roundtable discussion will take place at NOLC and the Executive Director Institute.

AAOS PRESIDENTIAL LINE UPDATE

Gerald Williams, Jr., MD, President, AAOS
William Maloney, MD, 1st Vice President, AAOS
David Halsey, MD, 2nd Vice President, AAOS

Gerald Williams, Jr., MD, AAOS President, William Maloney, MD, AAOS First Vice-President, and David Halsey, MD, AAOS Second Vice President, gave the AAOS Presidential Line Report. They provided a

status report on the latest efforts with Maintenance of Certification (MOC) including the appointment of a new MOC Project Team reporting to the Board of Directors. An update on the Fellowship Accreditation Task Force was provided, and participants were advised of the recent discussions held with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS). The Presidential Line remarked on the AAOS efforts on Medicare Payment Models and discussed the Quality Payment Program (QPP). The National Surgical Patient Safety Summit (NSPSS), 2018 AAOS Public Service Advertising (PSA) Campaign and the *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic (JAAOS)* portfolio were highlighted during the update. The leadership encouraged everyone to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting in San Diego, which will include new educational tracks and bioskills sessions. An initiative is also underway to collect detailed member intelligence at the 2017 Annual Meeting that will be used for better understanding member needs and enhance member value.

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF COUNCILORS AND THE BOARD OF SPECIALTY SOCIETIES

The BOC held one business meeting, one leadership meeting, and six committee meetings while the BOS held one business meeting, one leadership meeting, and two committee meetings. Also, the BOC and the BOS hosted a tour of the Academy's headquarters and two social events to encourage networking within and among all of the meeting registrants.

In addition, the BOC/BOS Resolutions Committee conducted an open hearing to listen to comments on two proposed BOC/BOS Advisory Opinions, three proposed amendments to the AAOS Bylaws, two new resolutions, and two AAOS resolutions requiring a five-year review.

The proposed advisory opinions were titled, "AAOS Support of CMS Removing Total Joint Replacement (TJR) From Inpatient Only List," and "Request for Project Team on Orthopaedic Occupational Injuries."

The three proposed amendments to the AAOS Bylaws included:

1. Elimination of Nomination to the Membership Committee by the AAOS Nominating Committee; Change of Name of Membership Committee to Membership and Leader Development Committee
2. Change in Composition of the AAOS Nominating Committee
3. Elimination of Affiliate Membership Classification; Creation of New Membership Category, Associate Member – Physician Assistant

The two new proposed resolutions included:

1. Continuing the Annual Enduring Community Project at the AAOS Annual Meeting
2. Continuation of the Independent AAOS Ethics Committee

The Five-Year Review of AAOS Resolutions involved the evaluation of two resolutions that were adopted after the 2011 Annual Meeting. The resolutions included:

Academy Resolution #3: Public Relations Efforts of the
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Association Resolution #4: Reduced Medicare Fees for
Orthopaedic Surgeons

After the Open Hearing, the BOC/BOS Resolutions Committee and the BOC/BOS Bylaws Review Committee discussed the proposed documents, the open hearing comments, and deliberated. The committees presented their recommendations to the BOC and the BOS during the BOC/BOS Business Meeting where the two groups discussed and voted on the recommendations. The results from the votes will be sent to the Board of Directors for review, consideration, and action during its December 2016 meeting.